

GCSE French

Paper 1 – Listening

Foundation = 30 minutes + 5 minutes reading time at the start

Higher = 40 minutes + 5 minutes reading time at the start

Paper 2 – Speaking

1:1 with teacher in May.

12 minutes preparation time to prepare Role Play and Photo Card

Exam includes

- 1) Role Play
- 2) Photo Card
- 3) Chosen Conversation
- 4) Surprise Conversation

Paper 3 – Reading

Foundation = 45 minutes

Higher = 60 minutes

Paper 4 – Writing

Foundation = 1 hour 10 minutes

Includes

- Q1) Describe photo and give opinion
- Q2) 16 mark question – present and future tense
- Q3) 20 mark question (choose 1 of 2) – 4 BORDUM paragraphs, including present/opinions, past and future tenses
- Q4) Translation – 5 x sentences from English to French

Higher = 1 hour 20 minutes

Includes

- Q1) 20 mark question (choose 1 of 2) – 4 BORDUM paragraphs, including present/opinions, past and future tenses
- Q2) – 28 mark question (choose 1 of 2) – 4 BORDUM paragraphs, 3 tenses, including sophisticated ideas and Broaden your Ideas structures
- Q3) Translation – paragraph from English into French

Topics

Theme 1 : Hobbies and Free Time

Family, friends and relationships
Celebrations and cultural life

Theme 2 : Holidays

My town

Theme 3 – School

Theme 4 : Jobs and future plans and ambitions

Theme 5 : Environment

Bringing the World together

Revision focus :

Speaking :

Role Play - You See You Say

Question words

Photo – PALMO

BORDUM for follow-up bullet points

Conversation – learn answers for chosen topic

BORDUM for structuring answers to surprise topic

Key verbs per topic in 3 tenses

Writing : BORDUM for structuring answers to surprise topic

Key verbs per topic in 3 tenses

FOUNDATION – PALMO

HIGHER – Broaden your Ideas and Merge phrases

Reading and Listening : topic specific vocabulary

negative phrases (not, never, nobody etc which often come up as tricks)

Star words – a list of 120 'little words' to be learnt to avoid falling into traps in exam questions